

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

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“...the wages of sin is death; but the gift of GOD is eternal life through JESUS CHRIST our LORD.”

ROMANS 6:23

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Worship	11:00 am
Wednesday Worship	7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

This evening's featured podcast speaker will be our PASTOR
ROMANS 3:24 — "...JUSTIFIED FREELY BY HIS GRACE..." *

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*** Our featured sermon is made available every Sunday at 6:00 PM**

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION TO CONSIDER

"...IT IS APPOINTED UNTO MEN ONCE TO DIE, BUT AFTER THIS THE JUDGMENT."
(HEBREWS 9:27)

The Judgment of lost sinners is no joke, it is the truth of God. In **Hebrews 9:27** it says *"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"*

Reader, do you know that one day GOD will Judge you and if you are not saved, HE will send you to eternal hell?

The Judge of this judgement is the LORD JESUS CHRIST, all judgement has been put into his hands. In **Acts 17:31** the Word of God says *"Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead"* and furthermore in **John 5:27** it says *that the Father "...hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man."*

Who will be judged and condemned by this righteous Judge?

All those who do not know GOD nor obey the Gospel of our LORD JESUS CHRIST will be condemned.

In **2 Thessalonians 1:8-9** the Word of GOD warns that the LORD JESUS CHRIST will come *“In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power”*

Those who rebel against GOD, those who are enemies of CHRIST, those who refuse to believe on CHRIST, those who despise His name, His blood, His righteousness and His grace. All this is serious sin against GOD.

Dear reader, are you one of these men who are condemned? The LORD JESUS CHRIST said of himself in **John 3:18** *“He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”*

Repent of the sin of your unbelief and wicked ways. The word of GOD warns us in **Proverbs 14:12** that *“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”*

Reader, stop trusting in your dead works to earn your own salvation, that is the way that leads to hell!

The Good News of the Gospel says that God has given his only begotten Son to save all who believe in the person of Christ and His finished work on the cross of Calvary. CHRIST said in **John 3:16** *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”*

CHRIST suffered the cross to save His people, to save them from the penalty of their sins. In **Matthew 1:21** it says *“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”*

Christ's people are those who trust only in Him for their complete salvation. An elect and saved people from amongst this perishing world.

Believe in the LORD JESUS CHRIST and you will be saved forever! (ACTS 16:31)

CONGRATULATIONS?

“...PRAISE THE LORD, ALL YE GENTILES; AND LAUD HIM, ALL YE PEOPLE.” (ROM. 15:11)

Beloved, have you ever found yourself saying things that did not glorify our LORD? To my shame and heartfelt sorrow, this happens to me more often than I want it to. God's Word declares *“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: THAT GOD IN ALL THINGS MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”*

I recently found myself saying, not just once, but repeatedly, *congratulations* — later the LORD convicted me that I ought to have said *“Praise the Lord!”*

Our Lord declared *“...without me ye can do nothing.”* Beloved, we can apply that statement as far and wide as our limited minds would permit and we would never exhaust the fullness of our Lord's declaration. (JOHN 15:5)

God's own Word testifies *“in him we live, and move, and have our being”*. Indeed without our Lord and God, Jesus Christ, we can do nothing. Our Lord Jesus Christ is not only the fountain of all *natural life*, but more importantly he is the fountain of *all spiritual life*. (JOHN 1:3-4, JOHN 17:2, ACTS 17:28)

Beloved, *“whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved”* and in the day of His power, we are made to ever see that only those to whom He gives spiritual life, the sheep He gave His life for, are the *whosoever* that *shall call on the name of the Lord*, and *shall be saved*. For His people shall be willing in the day of His power. (PSALM 110:3, MATTHEW 20:28, JOHN 6:22-59, JOHN 10:11, 15, ACTS 2:21)

If the Lord Jesus Christ, by the preaching of the gospel, had not given us spiritual life, and called us forth from the tomb of our spiritual death and unbelief — we would have never called on His name to be saved. We would have never taken hold of His righteousness and blood to be made accepted before our Heavenly Father, but *“now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and WE ALL ARE THE WORK OF THY HAND.”* (ISAIAH 64:4-8)

Beloved, *“by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, created in CHRIST JESUS unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”* (EPHESIANS 2:8-10)

Oh beloved, how we ought to praise the LORD, in everything! Friend, if you are *“His workmanship”*, do you know why you would believe on CHRIST and find yourself complete in Him? Beloved, His word says — *“by him do [we] believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.”* (1 PETER 1:21)

Our Lord declared of Himself *“thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.”* (READ JOHN 17)

Oh for grace and mercy to praise Him all the more, not only with opened hearts, but with opened lips. Beloved believing sinner of God — *Praise the Lord!* (ACTS 16)

PASTOR